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SUBJECT: GERMANS RETURN FROM NY CYNICAL RE OCTOBER 1 TALKS

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Classified By: Deputy POL M/C Stan Otto for reasons 1.4 b/d.

[11](#). (U) This is an action request. Please see paragraph 3 for action.

[12](#). (C) Poloff discussed reftel points on the existence of a covert uranium enrichment facility with German Iran Task Force Director, Andreas Krueger, September 28. Krueger, who had been in NY with the German delegation was well informed but somewhat cynical regarding the possibility for a positive outcome from the October 1 talks after watching the recent Iranian actions such as: Ahmadinejad's UNGA speech; the disclosure regarding the Qom site; and the missile tests.

[13](#). (C) On the point regarding the size of the Qom facility and its' inadequacy for producing civilian nuclear power he wholeheartedly agreed, but noted he had heard that Iran was now making a claim that the facility in Qom had been intended for "pharmaceutical and/or medical" purposes and he asked if the U.S. could provide any points to dispel that claim. ACTION REQUEST: Post requests the department provide any information available to help the German's dispel the claim that the Qom site might have "pharmaceutical/medical" applications. End Request.

[14](#). (C) Krueger also noted that the MFA remained curious about the real intent behind Iran's current spate of missile testing. He noted that the "tests" weren't really "tests" since apart from the solid-fuel cycle not much could be learned from the launches, so that left only the possibility of an Iranian show of force whose intention remained unclear. Murphy